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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1191

Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins

February 21, 2003

An act to add Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 679.9) to Part 1 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code, relating to property insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1191, as amended, Wiggins. Property insurance: rates: disclosure.

Existing law generally regulates the insurance industry.

This bill would require an insurer under certain property insurance policies to inform an insured of (1) *the nonrenewal of a policy* or any increase or decrease in an annual premium as compared to the previous year, (2) the reasons for the change *or nonrenewal*, and (3) specified telephone numbers where the insured may register complaints.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 679.9)
2 is added to Part 1 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code, to read:
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1 CHAPTER 11.5. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
2 PROPERTY INSURANCE

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4 679.9. If an insurer changes the annual premium under, *or*
5 *does not renew*, a policy specified in Section 675, it shall inform
6 the insured of each of the following:

7 (a) The amount of the premium increase or decrease, *if*
8 *applicable*, expressed on an annualized basis, in comparison to the
9 premium charged in the previous year.

10 (b) The reason or reasons for the change *or nonrenewal*.

11 (c) The telephone number that handles the insurer's customer
12 complaints.

13 (d) The Department of Insurance telephone number that may
14 be used to register complaints.

